Madhya Pradesh has not received the IPC of CEA as the water linkage from the State Irrigation Department has not been transferred so far in favour of the Company.

Additional Grants to Gujarat

2902. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grants sanctioned to Gujarat during the last three years particularly for the Saurashtra Region;

(b) whether the State Government has requested the Planning Commission to sanction additional grants for this Region; and

(c) if so, the amount of grants sanctioned during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (c) The Central Plan Assistance to Gujarat State is being given in the form of block grants and block loans at the ratio of 30:70. The Net Central Assistance given to the State during the years 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 were Rs. 235.00, Rs. 260.50, Rs. 331.08 and Rs. 383.66 crores respectively. No separate grant has been sanctioned for Saurashtra region. The State Government has not asked for any Additional Central Assistance.

Mecadimisation of Kuchcha Roads in Pauri Garhwal

2903. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2458 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1996 and state the steps being taken by Government to mecadamise all the kuchcha roads in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttar Pradesh within five years from the year of their commissioning?:

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): As per information received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, it is difficult to say due to paucity of funds when all the kuchcha roads in Pauri Garhwal district will be macadamised.

Sharing of Fuel Risk in Power Projects

2904. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered Board on fuel headed by the Minister of Finance has decided to make it mandatory for fuel suppliers and the transporters to share the fuel risk in a power project;

(b) if so, whether the State Electricity Boards would, in any circumstances, be allowed to take even a part of the fuel risk;

(c) if so, whether the decision is primarily
meant for projects, which are not located at pit, head coal stations;

(d) what are the plans to be affected by this decision; and

(e) what was the main reason for imposing
this condition?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Funds for Collective Bio-Gas Plants

2905. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide entire funds for setting up bio-gas plants on collective basis in villages;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government have taken to popularise bio-gas plants on collective basis in villages;

(d) how many villages in Gujarat have so far requested the Government to set up bio-gas plants on collective basis, district-wise; and

(e) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER & MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (MNES) provides subsidy of a fixed amount of about 50 per cent of the estimated cost of community biogas plants in villages. Besides, some State Governments are also providing additional subsidy under their State Plans.

(c) The steps taken by the MNES to popularise community biogas plants in villages include: provision of central subsidy for construction and a subsidy of up to Rs. 1.00 lakh for non-functional plants set up before 1992-93 towards repair charges, technical, training and publicity support, and management of plants on a self-sustaining basis by non-governmental organisations.

(d) and (e) The MNES has allocated a target of five community as well as institutional biogas plants to the State Government of Gujarat for 1996-97. The State Government has received only two proposals for setting up of community plants, one in Sabarkantha and the other in Kutch, and is considering them for providing additional subsidy under State Plan.

उत्तर प्रदेश में कुरेभार में रसोई गैस एजेन्सी

2906. श्री महेश्वर सिंह: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश क सुलतान पुर जिले में कुरेभार विकास क्षेत्र में एल पी जी एजेंसी या एक वितरण केन्द्र की मांग निरन्तर चल रही है;

(ख) क्या कुरेभार क्षेत्र के निवासियों को एल पी जी सिलेंडर हेतु बहुत परेशानी का सामना करना पड़ता है; और अपने घर से 20 से 40 किलोमीटर की दूरी तय करनी पड़ती है;

(ग) यदि हां; तो क्या सरकार वहां पर शीघ्र ही एक गैस एजेन्सी या एक वितरण केन्द्र खोल रही है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी. आर. बालू): (क) से (घ) अब एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिपें एक चरण बद्ध ढंग से ऐसे स्थानों पर खोलने की योजना है जहां जनसंख्या 10,000 और उससे अधिक है बशर्ते कि 15 कि.मी. के दायरे के अंदर आने वाले आस-पास के गांवों सहित स्थान की संभाव्यता पर्याप्त हो जो एल पी जी डिस्ट्रीब्यूटरशिप को व्यवहार्य बना सके।

यह बताया गया है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के सुल्तानपुर जिले में कुरेभार विकास क्षेत्र में आर्थिक रूप से व्यवहार्य एल पी जी डिस्ट्रब्यूटरशिप स्वतंत्र रूप से खोलने की पर्याप्त संभाव्यता नहीं है।

Restructuring the ET&T Corporation Ltd.

2907.SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the
PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ET&T Corporatibn Limited has submitted any restructuring proposal to Government for its revival;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard;

(c) what are Government's plans to revive this PSU and to save it from becoming sick; and

(d) whether Government are considering to give any finanical assistance to revive this PSU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (PROF. YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) ET&T Corporation Limited, a public sector undertaking under the administrative control of the Department of Electronics, has submitted a Capital Restructuring proposal which is under consideration.

Construction of "C Unit by South Korean Firm

2908.SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether UPSEB Engineers Association has protested against award of construction of "C Units to Hindai Heavy Industries, a South Korean firm; if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the reasons for awarding the contract at much higher price to the Korean